

**Listing of Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A liquid level detector wherein a nozzle is arranged in a container containing liquid, said container having a bottom and a top, and air is discharged into the liquid from an opening of said nozzle and the back pressure in said nozzle is detected, thereby the liquid level is detected, and

wherein said opening of said nozzle is located closer to the top of said container than to the bottom of said container,

said liquid level detector being characterized by said opening of said nozzle is arranged to be inclined with respect to the liquid level, and

wherein said opening of said nozzle is opened in a direction inclined with respect to the axial direction of said nozzle.

2. (Canceled) ~~A liquid level detector according to claim 1,~~  
~~wherein said opening of said nozzle is opened in a direction inclined with respect to the axial direction of said nozzle.~~

3. (Canceled) ~~A liquid level detector according to claim 1, wherein said opening of said nozzle is opened in a direction generally perpendicular to the axial direction of said nozzle, and said nozzle is arranged with the axis thereof inclined with respect to said liquid level.~~